

15 March 2022

5:30 pm

Dover Arts Presentation

— Introductions; Dana Lynn, Chair

— Dover Arts Presentation, requesting approval for specified art places and types of art (Nature inspired, Water art, Collaborative and Interactive, use of existing space, lighting)

Cliff Blake: presents the waterfront slideshow created by Linnea, introduces Jane and D'Artagnan

— Talks about the purpose and goals of the Dover Arts Commission for the Waterfront Development and incorporating art

— Explains the three goals: welcoming, engaging, and unique space, Reflect the culture, energy, and diversity of the community, and create a destination and increase economic activity

— Identifies the interested areas for art in water development; River Street Pump Station, Gateway to Park, Overlook Pocket Park, Retaining Wall, Historic Stone Wall, Nature/Sculpture Walk, Pavilion, Art in Water, Cathartes Development

— Explains the economic impact; \$49 million between organizations and audience within the Seacoast

Jane: Asks for general questions and for additional information

— Comment: likes the idea of involving the pump station, utilizes current structure. Face lift for the area and great for the hopes of using local artists.

— Comment: great for having diversity in medium, wondering if the art piece by the water could commemorate the element/history of Dover.

— Jane replies: we could incorporate more photos with the stories of the town and maritime. Need more than just art. Humanities group might fund something like this, they have great funds for such pieces

— Comment: great job, great presentation.

— F/U question: will there be a signature piece? What would it be? What medium?

— Jane: We have a sculptor on the commission that we are utilizing his skills and knowledge. We really need to know where the piece will be approved for. We also want to work with the city engineer.

— Comment: would love to see participation of Indigenous artists

— Jane: asks about timeline for the waterfront development and when we should submit our ideas and proposal

— Want to assess locations

— Questions of funding

— Our town grants

— Non-Arts organization partner

— States Art commission

— Could use the Our Town grant as a guide to find other donors

— Question: Any idea on money goals?

— Jane: depends on the art. Need to understand what art we're getting first. Can add creativity to pavers going in (simple but eye catching).

— Need to solidify a plan.

— Steve: questions about schedule are good. City offers to come to meeting to update on timeline. Pump station already going through engineering process (wouldn't be a great spot for first art, need to work with city engineer to find timeline for that. Talk with the sub-committee, they should also give approval.

— Need to reach out to waterfront president when done, as we are looking for tips, nothing set in stone

— Endorsement helps with funding + local eye

— Goldman makes motion to endorse, Kim seconds the motion

— Comment: Wants the park sub-committee to be on the approval. This will help discussion and fine tune things (create affirmative action)

— No oppositions